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PRESENTATION - 1

Nationwide Recreation Participation Trends Presentation

Staff will present a report highlighting nationwide recreation trends for 2003. This is the second annual report to the Board concerning recreation participation trends and stems from a strategy in the Leisure Opportunities issue area of the Fairfax County Park Authority Strategic Plan for 2002-2006. This strategy (Leisure Opportunities, 5.1) directed staff to “monitor and provide a clearinghouse of information ...from which the Park Authority Board can be informed of key trends annually.”

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

None

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ADMINISTRATIVE - 1

Adoption of Minutes - December 10, 2003, Park Authority Board Meeting

ISSUE:

Approval of the minutes of the December 10, 2003, Park Authority Board meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Director recommends approval of the minutes of the December 10, 2003, Park Authority Board meeting.

TIMING:

Board action is requested on January 14, 2004.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: Minutes of the December 10, 2003, Park Authority Board meeting

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ADMINISTRATIVE - 2

Rezoning - RZ/FDP 2003-DR-058, Landmark Property Development, LLC / Young Property (Dranesville District)

ISSUE:

Approval of staff comments pertaining to the rezoning application for RZ/FDP 2003-DR-058, Landmark Property Development, LLC / Young Property; located on Tax Map: 10-4((1)) 1, 2A, and 2B near Folly Lick Stream Valley Park (see Attachment 1). The Development Plan shows 22 dwelling units on approximately 11.92 acres.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Director recommends approval of the following summary comments regarding RZ/FDP 2003-DR-058, Landmark Property Development, LLC / Young Property:

- The Fairfax County Park Authority requests the applicant dedicate a portion of Parcel "A" as shown on the Conceptual/Final Development Plan (Attachment 2) in the amount of approximately 3.0 acres to the Park Authority as an addition to Folly Lick Stream Valley Park.
- The applicant is requested to develop and dedicate an 8' wide Type I asphalt stream valley trail and 2 portions of 8' wide Type I asphalt lateral trails from each of the proposed cul-de-sacs.
- The applicant is requested to dedicate \$40,355 (minus any qualifying onsite recreational facilities) to the Park Authority for recreational facility development;
- The applicant is requested to provide an architectural survey, in accordance of the Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS) standards, of the onsite buildings greater than 50 years in age; and
- The applicant is requested to provide a Phase I Archeological Survey of the property to document the presence or absence of cultural resources.

(This item was reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on January 7, 2004, and approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.)

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TIMING:

Board action is requested on January 14, 2004. It is anticipated that the Planning Commission will be scheduling a hearing to review this case in March.

BACKGROUND:

The proposal will add approximately 73 residents to the current population of the Dranesville District. The required recreational contribution for Planned Residential Housing Zoning Districts (PDH), based on \$955 per each of the 21 market rate residential units is \$21,010. Based on anticipated facility impacts, staff recommends requesting an additional \$19,345 for a total of \$40,355.

This site is bounded by Folly Lick Stream Valley Park to the north and south. The Town of Herndon owns adjacent land across the stream southeast of the subject property. The current proposed Development Plan shows Parcel "A" with a trail connecting to the Folly Lick Stream Valley Park as well as a trail encompassing a stormwater management facility/pond feature. The Park Authority requests dedication of a portion of Parcel "A", as shown on Attachment 2, and the proposed gazebo and stream valley trails, as an addition to Folly Lick Stream Valley Park. The proposed pond/storm water facility and its associated loop trail would belong to the homeowner's association. The dedication of the requested land to the Park Authority will provide connection to adjacent Park Authority stream valley property both north and south of the site.

In the field, the Park Authority's cultural resources staff noted that the open area on the terraces adjacent to the stream has a high potential for prehistoric archeological sites. This area should be subject to a Phase I survey.

In addition, the subject property currently functions as a farm with several houses, barns and outbuildings that are more than 50 years old. An architectural survey should be conducted of the farm complex by a qualified architectural historian. If the architectural resources are eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places, they should be documented according to Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS) standards.

A review of the Park Authority's Green Infrastructure Model reveals that the RPA portion of Parcel "A" is assigned the highest value of the model, meaning it is appropriate for parkland acquisition and public protection. Additionally, this parcel meets the following criteria for parkland acquisition as adopted by the Park Authority Board on May 8, 2002:

- Availability;
- Contiguity to existing parkland in service area;
- Park Development supported by demonstrated community response;

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- Existing zoning and development conditions permit desired use;
- Site conditions support proposed development;
- Park use supported in County Comprehensive Plan
- Site conditions support proposed development; and
- Development costs are reasonable

Furthermore, acquiring a portion of the subject property for parkland meets the following objectives of the Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan:

1. Acquisition of Recreational Facilities (The Policy Plan, Parks and Recreation Objective 1, p. 4 – 5)

Policy b: “Acquire additional land to expand existing parks or provide new parks through a combination of purchase in fee simple, easements, dedication, donation, and/or other appropriate means.”

2. Connectivity of Recreational Facilities (The Policy Plan, Parks and Recreation Objective 2, p. 5)

Policy b: “Use the park system in conjunction with the Environmental Quality Corridor system to establish an integrated network of greenways linking major resource areas and providing migration routes essential to biological diversity.”

3. Protection of Recreational Facilities (The Policy Plan, Parks and Recreation Objective 3, p. 5)

Policy b: “Protect the character, quality, and public use of stream valley parklands through dedication to the Fairfax County Park Authority of designated land or through use of trail and/or conservation easements with guaranteed public access.”

4. Heritage Resources (The Policy Plan, Heritage Resources Objective 3, page 4)

“Protect significant historical resources from degradation or damage and destruction by public or private action.”

FISCAL IMPACT:

It is anticipated that the additional land would have minimal to no fiscal impact since it will likely be maintained in its natural state as an addition to Folly Lick Stream Valley Park.

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ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: Vicinity Map

Attachment 2: Reduced Conceptual/Final Development Plan (Showing the area
proposed to be dedicated to the Park Authority)

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ACTION - 1

Approval of Proposed Fee Adjustments for FY 2004 and Public Comment Meeting Date

ISSUE:

Authorization to notify the public of the proposed fee adjustments for FY 2004 and the public comment meeting concerning the proposed fee adjustments.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Director recommends approval to advertise both the proposed fee changes and notification to hold a public comment meeting concerning the proposed fee changes on February 4, 2004. **(This item was reviewed by the Park Services Committee on January 7, 2004, and approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.)**

TIMING:

Board action is requested on January 14, 2004, in order to allow adequate time to advertise the public comment meeting.

BACKGROUND:

Park Authority staff review fees annually to ensure the agency remains on target to meet financial goals established by the Park Authority Board. As a result of this year's review, a number of fees have been proposed for modification, addition or deletion.

Fee adjustments for 2004 are proposed in the areas shown below. Incremental revenues that are derived from fee adjustments in these areas are expected to generate 24% of the projected FY 2004-2005 growth in operating revenue shown in the approved FY 2004 Financial Management Plan for the Park Revenue Fund (with the remainder expected to come from other sources such as program fees, growth and new programs).

RECenters

Admission Fees - Daily Admissions, Discount Fast Pass, Leisure Fitness Pass

Pool Rental Fees

Room Rental Fees

Ice Skating - Hourly Rink Rental, Public Skating Sessions, Patch & Freestyle Sessions

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Picnic Shelters/Areas

Picnic Shelter/Area Reservations: Lake Fairfax

Picnic Shelter/Area Reservations: McLean Central Park Gazebo (New)

Golf Courses

Prime Time Greens Fees - All Courses

Non-Prime Time Greens Fees - Twin Lakes, Lakes Course

Power Cart Rentals - Greendale, Jefferson, Pinecrest, Twin Lakes

Drive Range Fees - Burke Lake, Oak Marr, Twin Lakes

Golf Club Rentals - Greendale, Twin Lakes

Lakefront Parks

The Water Mine - Daily Admission

The Water Mine - Season Passes

Miniature Golf After-Hours Rental - All Courses

Campsite Rental - Burke Lake, Lake Fairfax

Campsite Electrical Service - Lake Fairfax

Group Camping - Burke Lake, Lake Fairfax

Resource Management Parks

Boat Launch Fees - Riverbend Park

Building Rental - Frying Pan Schoolhouse (New), Riverbend Park Nature Center (New)

Garden Plot Fees - All Sites

Historic Site Admission Fees - Colvin Run Mill

Historic Properties Rental Services - Private Rental Rates: Cabell's Mill, Clark House, Dranesville Tavern, Great Falls Grange, Old Schoolhouse, Hunter House, Stone Mansion, Wakefield Chapel, elimination of Great Falls Grange Park category

Specific fee proposals are shown in attachment 1, while the existing fee schedule is provided in attachment 2 for reference. This year's fee proposal takes on a slightly different look than it has in the past. In previous years, the annual fee proposal has focused at the micro level on the rationale for proposed adjustments to individual fees without any discussion of the overall financial trends and projections of the Park Revenue Fund or the financial guidelines presented in the agency's annual Financial Management Plan for the Park Revenue Fund. The disadvantage to this approach was that the fee proposal process was centered on an assessment of individual fees in isolation.

This year's approach to the fee review discussion attempts to improve the process by presenting a broader view, so that it is easier to understand the link between current business trends, financial projections established in the Board's adopted FY 2004

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Financial Management Plan, and the collective approach for proposed fee adjustments needed to respond to the current business and financial climate.

Organization of the FY 2004 Fee Proposal is as follows. A section entitled 'Current Situation - System-wide Considerations' describes the important factors in the Park Authority's overall operational environment that had an effect on the composition of this year's fee adjustment proposal. This overview is followed by separate sections for each of the various business areas for which fee adjustments are being proposed. Each of these sections first outlines important situational factors specific to that business area that had an effect on the development of the fee adjustment proposal. This is then followed by a summary of the fee adjustments proposed for that business area in FY 2004.

Pending Board approval, information outlining all proposed fee changes will be available for public review at the Park Authority's park sites, headquarters and web site for a 30-day comment period beginning January 19, 2004, and ending February 17, 2004. A public comment meeting will be held on February 4, 2004, at 7 p.m. in room 106 of the Herrity Building. After public comment has been received, final proposed fee adjustments will be presented to the Board on March 10, 2004, for implementation on April 1, 2004.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Approval of the proposed fee changes should generate approximately \$ 229,279 in additional revenue in FY 2004 and \$ 730,891 in FY 2005.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: Proposed Fee Adjustments FY 2004

Attachment 2: Fairfax County Park Authority Fee Schedule, Effective April 1, 2003

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ACTION - 2

Adoption of the 2004-2008 Fairfax County Park Authority Natural Resource Management Plan

ISSUE:

The purpose of the Natural Resource Management Plan is to coordinate agency-wide action to achieve the Park Authority Board's resource preservation vision as articulated in adopted policies, the 1995-2010 Park Comprehensive Plan, and the 2002-2006 Park Authority Strategic Plan. Staff has completed a public comment process for the draft plan and has made a number of changes to the document as a result of public input.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Director recommends approval of the draft 2004-2008 Fairfax County Park Authority Natural Resource Management Plan. **(This item was reviewed by the Resource Management Committee on January 7, 2004, and approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.)**

TIMING:

Board action is requested on January 14, 2004, to allow the plan to proceed promptly in January 2004.

BACKGROUND:

As required by the Fairfax County Park Authority 2002-2006 Strategic Plan, staff has created a draft Natural Resource Management Plan for the agency. The plan covers a five-year time period from FY 2004-2008. The plan format is the same as the agency strategic plan.

On October 8, 2003, the Park Board authorized staff to release the draft 2002-2006 Natural Resource Management Plan for public comment. The document was released on October 16, 2003 and staff began extensive outreach to the community to solicit comments. Among those notified were local jurisdictions, government agencies, peer organizations, community groups, partner organizations, volunteers and individuals. A list of outreach targets is provided as Attachment 3.

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During the two month comment period a total of 268 comments were received from 84 organizations and individuals. The comments are summarized in Attachment 1, which provides page references to the revised plan.

A staff project team has reviewed and evaluated each comment received from the public and has incorporated many of the suggested changes into the final draft plan which is presented as Attachment 2 for the Board's consideration.

Following the Board's adoption of the 2004-2008 Natural Resource Management Plan, staff will prepare an implementation plan for 2004 to select which elements of the plan will be addressed in the first year of the five-year plan.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Many elements of the plan can proceed with current fiscal and personnel resources. As noted in the plan, some strategies will require additional funding to accomplish. The Park Authority will seek appropriate funding through all available means. To the extent that strategies in the plan add tasks in the master planning process, some additional cost and/or duration may be seen in projects. Other potential costs, such as the additional cost of designing and constructing "green buildings," will be options for Board consideration at the time design or construction projects are approved, or when the Board considers policy changes.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: Public Comment Summary

Attachment 2: 2004-2008 Natural Resource Management Plan

Attachment 3: Resource Management Plan Distribution List

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ACTION - 3

Scope Approval - Greenbriar Park Athletic Field #2 Lighting System Replacement (Springfield District)

ISSUE:

Approval of the project scope to replace the existing lighting system on athletic field #2 and to provide remote control lighting for field #2 and two (2) additional lighted athletic fields at Greenbriar Park.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Director recommends approval of the project scope to replace the existing lighting system on athletic field #2 and to provide remote control lighting for field #2 and two (2) additional lighted athletic fields at Greenbriar Park. **(This item was reviewed by the Design and Development Committee on January 7, 2004, and approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.)**

TIMING:

Board action is requested on January 14, 2004, to maintain the project schedule.

BACKGROUND:

Greenbriar Park is a 36.5 acre community park located in the Springfield District that includes on its facility list, three (3) lighted athletic fields (60' diamond, 90' diamond with overlay and a rectangular). A project to replace the lighting on athletic field #2 was approved by the Park Authority Board on September 10, 2003, as an addition to the Planning and Development Division's FY2004-2005 Work Plan. Athletic field # 2 is the 60' diamond field located immediately adjacent to Stringfellow Road as shown on Attachment 1.

The existing wooden light poles on diamond field #2 were installed over twenty years ago and are no longer functioning as designed. The wooden poles are now twisted and warped, distorting the lighting on the field and reducing playability and safety. To help remedy this situation, the Chantilly Youth Association (CYA) has offered to provide \$40,000 toward replacement of lights and installation of remote lighting control equipment.

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A project team has been assembled for this project, with representation from the Planning and Development Division and Park Operations Division. The project team recommends the following scope of work:

- Design and replace the existing lighting system on diamond field #2.
- Design and install remote controls for the lighting on diamond field #2 and two (2) additional lighted athletic fields at the park.
- Install new electrical distribution equipment.

The total scope cost estimate for the project is \$129,000. Remote controls for the two additional athletic fields will be bid as an alternate and only installed if sufficient funds are available in the project at the time of bid.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Based on the project scope estimate, funding in the amount of \$129,000 is necessary for this project. Funding is currently available in the amount of \$135,000 in Project 004750, Park Proffers, in Fund 371, Park Capital Improvement Fund. It is anticipated that CYA will be providing funding in the amount of \$40,000 to supplement this project.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: Layout Plan
Attachment 2: Scope Cost Estimate
Attachment 3: Development Project Fact Sheet

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ACTION - 4

Approval - Open End Contracts for Land Surveying Services

ISSUE:

Approval of one year extensions to the open end contracts with Paciulli Simmons & Associates and Rice Associates for land surveying services.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Director recommends approval of one year extensions to the open end contracts with Paciulli Simmons & Associates and Rice Associates for land surveying services. **(This item was reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on January 7, 2004, and approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.)**

TIMING:

Board action is requested on January 14, 2004, to ensure that projects requiring land surveying services continue without delay.

BACKGROUND:

On December 12, 2001, the Park Authority Board approved open end contracts with Paciulli Simmons & Associates and Rice Associates for land surveying services. The contracts were for an amount not-to-exceed \$100,000 each, which would be charged to individual projects as needed. The contracts were approved for a period of one year with the option to extend them for two one-year extensions. On February 12, 2003, the Park Authority Board extended the contracts for one year. To help ensure that currently active projects proceed without delay, staff recommends extending both contracts for a second and final one-year extension period. The revised contract expiration date of January 2005 should provide staff sufficient time to complete designs outstanding from the 1998 Bond Program before having to solicit new firms for the 2004 Park Bond Program.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The contract balances and contract expiration dates are listed on Attachment 1. Funding for these contracts will be provided by individual projects that require land surveying services. This Board action does not commit funds if no work is contracted.

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ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: Summary of Open End Contracts for Land Surveying Services

Attachment 2: Project Assignments to Land Surveying Firms

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Deb Garriss, Supervisor, Project Management Branch

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INFORMATION - 1

Environmental Issues Update

As part of implementation of the 2002-2006 Park Authority Strategic Plan and its strategies to increase broader awareness of stewardship issues, staff is providing a quarterly update to the Board of key County and Park Authority environmental issues and projects. The intent is to alert the Board to significant environmental issues and the status of related projects. Briefings to the Resource Management Committee on key issues will be offered as appropriate or as requested by the Board.

(This item was reviewed by the Resource Management Committee on January 7, 2004, and approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.)

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: Environmental Issues Update

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Todd Bolton, Natural Resource Protection

INFORMATION - 2

Regional Transportation and Land Use Studies Updates

Several on-going regional and local land use and transportation studies may affect Park Authority owned land in various ways. The purpose of this item is to provide the current status of these ongoing studies, how staff has participated in the studies and any anticipated future required actions. Additional information about the studies may be obtained from the respective websites listed. Copies of staff comments can be provided upon request from staff. The studies are as follows:

Sully Road/Route 28 PPTA Improvement Project

- Current Project Status:
 - Phase I improvements for Barnesfield Road interchange opened mid-December for access to Smithsonian museum
 - Entrance to Sully Historic Site modified to right-in/right-out access
 - Agreement reached between the Park Authority and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) regarding preliminary engineering alignment for new Sully entrance from the north
 - Petersen Companies controls all properties for new entrance alignment, except Metropolitan Washington Airport Authority (MWAA) property
 - No agreement reached between MWAA and the Park Authority regarding new north access across MWAA northern property. Issues are related to MWAA access through Sully to their southern property.
 - Other work to improve interchanges to continue through next year
 - No funding/schedule for widening work in area of E. C. Lawrence
- Staff Participation:
 - Staff has regularly participated in meetings and negotiations with VDOT/PPTA to determine specifics of new entrance and to minimize impacts to Sully
 - Staff, in coordination with the County Attorney's office, the Department of Planning and Zoning (DPZ), the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services (DPWES) and Supervisor Frey have actively negotiated with MWAA officials to reach an agreement. Congressman Wolfe has also been involved.
- Website information: www.28freeway.com

Fort Belvoir Real Property Master Plan

- Current Project Status:
 - Fall 2003, Environmental Impact Study (EIS) Scoping Phase to identify issues to address in the EIS.
 - Summer 2004, Draft EIS completed and public meetings held
 - Fall 2004, Final EIS completed for public review and comment.
- Staff Participation:
 - The Department of Planning and Zoning coordinated cross-agency comments that were sent by the Board of Supervisors on December 10, 2003, identified several issues that were included in the Board of Supervisors' letter:
 - Address how park and recreation needs of new residents and employees will be met and the impact of Ft. Belvoir population growth on existing public facilities in the area.
 - Address all environmental impacts to surrounding the Park Authority-owned properties
 - Provide specific information about changes in areas designated for recreation and community use and the impacts of those proposed changes.
- Website Information: www.belvoir.army.mil/eis/eismain.htm

Fort Belvoir Feasibility Study on Connector between Richmond Hwy and Telegraph Road

- Current Project Status:
 - Several alternatives were proposed by a joint Fort Belvoir and Fairfax County task force.
 - Department of the Army will make a decision in January 2004 about how to proceed and will seek Congressional approval for selected action.
 - The selected action will likely require an EIS in which case there will be additional opportunities for public input.
 - Comments were sent by Chairman Hanley strongly opposing alternatives impacting Huntley Meadows.
- Staff Participation:
 - The alternative alignments were reviewed by staff.
 - The Park Authority Director also sent comments to emphasize opposition to any alternative alignments that would impact Huntley Meadows.

Dulles Airport Runway Expansions:

- Current Project Status:
 - Public meetings were held in fall 2003 to present alternative runway scenarios.
 - The next step in the study process will be to evaluate the potential environmental impacts associated with the alternatives and to prepare the Draft EIS.
 - In fall 2004, the Draft EIS will be circulated for public and agency review and then a Public Hearing will be conducted to obtain comments on the Draft EIS.
- Staff Participation:

The Park Authority provided comments during the scoping phase in summer 2002, citing the need to mitigate environmental impacts to Sully Historic Site, Cub Run Stream Valley and E. C. Lawrence.
- Website: www.mwaa.com/dulles/environmentalstudies/runwayseis.htm

Meadowood Special Recreation Management Area Planning Update

- Current Project Status:
 - During 2002, the federal Bureau of Land Management (BLM) held a series of public meetings to receive public input on alternative uses.
 - A preferred alternative was selected that combines resource protection, education and recreation opportunities.
 - BLM planning activities have been underway and public meetings were held on December 5 and 6 to provide a status update on the planning process
- Staff Participation:
 - Attended numerous meeting during planning process
 - Provided comments during the planning process
- Website information: www.es.blm.gov

Dulles Corridor Rapid Transit Project –

- Current Project Status:
 - Draft EIS submitted in summer 2002
 - Locally preferred alternative (LPA) for transit alternative approved by State Commission in December 2002
 - Supplemental EIS submitted with revisions to Metrorail alignments, stations, West Falls Church S & I Yard and Ancillary facilities
 - Public hearings on Supplemental EIS held in December 2003

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- Staff Participation :
 - The Park Authority provided comments citing possible impacts to be analyzed in the Draft EIS
 - Attended public hearings
- Website information: www.dullestransit.com

Tri-County Parkway

- Current Project Status:
 - Several alternatives have been selected for further review
 - One alternative located west of Manassas Battlefield may impact the Hunter Tract
 - Draft EIS and public hearings scheduled for fall 2004
- Staff Participation:
 - Park Authority comments were provided during the scoping period
- Website information: www.virginiadot.org/projects/tcp.asp

Route 7 Widening Project

- Current Project Status:
 - Two Phases, only Phase 1 funded for construction to date.
 - No impact to Park Authority property in Phase 1
 - Phase 2 will impact Colvin Mill
- Staff Participation:
 - Park Authority staff met with VDOT in November to discuss minimizing impacts to Colvin Mill.
- Website information: www.virginiadot.org/projects/novafairfax-rt7-default.asp

Fairfax County Parkway/Fair Lake Parkway Interchange

- Current Project Status:
 - Will impact the upper reach of the Rocky Run Stream Valley Park.
 - Park Authority issues related to stormwater runoff onto our site, potential impact of fill slopes, and stream valley trail connection to trail along Fairfax County Parkway.
- Staff Participation:
 - Staff forwarded comments to VDOT directly on January 7, 2003 and through Fairfax County Department of Transportation on January 14, 2003.
- Website information: none

(This item was reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on January 7, 2004, and approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.)

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INFORMATION - 3

Lorton Road Alignment and Revised Master Plan Schedule at Laurel Hill
(Mount Vernon District)

As part of the master planning process at Laurel Hill, staff provided an update of current planning activities and plans to the Laurel Hill Ad Hoc Committee on September 3, 2003. At that meeting, the Committee expressed concern that the Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan proposes Lorton Road as a six (6) lane facility¹ through parkland. As a result of this concern and given that the future alignment of Lorton Road had an impact on the Conceptual Development Plan (CDP), work on the plan was suspended. The issue of Lorton Road was discussed at the Laurel Hill Ad Hoc Committee meetings in October and November and on November 12, 2003; the Park Authority Board passed the following motion:

Instruct staff to pursue elimination of the existing connection between Routes 123 and 1 and return to a future Ad Hoc Committee meeting on Laurel Hill master plan and let the committee know staff's thoughts on whether there is some way in which a portion of the planning process can continue even though the fate of the road may not be known for a while.

When the issue was again discussed at the Ad Hoc Committee meeting on December 10, 2003, the Committee recommended that the Board replace its motion of November 12, 2003, with the following direction:

- *Proceed with the CDP for all parklands at Laurel Hill showing the Lorton Road alignment as a dashed line labeled "Future Lorton Road per Comprehensive Plan (by Others)"*
- *Reflect concerns regarding the impact of future Lorton Road on parklands in the CDP report.*
- *Exercise best efforts in working with Fairfax County staff to effect an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan that considers concerns expressed in the CDP.*
- *Seek public comment on Lorton Road and its impact on parkland as part of the CDP public hearing.*
- *Provide an updated project schedule for Park Authority Board review.*

¹ Comprehensive plan for the Laurel Hill Community Planning Sector states that "...Lorton Road to the west to the existing Lorton Road and Furnace Road split, should be initially constructed as a 4-lane section; however right-of-way for a 6-lane section should be provided to allow potential widening if necessary in the future."

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An updated schedule is included as Attachment 1. Unless otherwise directed by the Board, staff will proceed based upon the Ad Hoc Committee's direction as stated, in accordance with the attached schedule.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: Laurel Hill Planning Schedule

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